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1. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL D, I ATTEMPTED TO SEE MINAG SAWADOGO IMMEDIATELY, BUT DUE TO HOLIDAYS HE WAS UNAVAILABLE UNTIL TODAY. WE HAD A FORTHCOMING AND INFORMATIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

2. I INFORMED SAWADOGO THAT USG LOOKS FAVORABLY UPON A GOIC INITIATIVE TO REOPEN COCOA NEGOTIATIONS, DRAWING ON ALL ARGUMENTS IN PARA 6 OF REFTEL D. SAWADOGO REPLIED THAT GOIC IS WILLING IN PRINCIPLE TO TAKE THIS INITIATIVE. IN FACT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ICCO IS CURRENTLY IN ABIDJAN DISCUSSING
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THE AGREEMENT WITH GOIC. THESE TALKS WILL CONCLUDE ON

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SATURDAY, AND SAWADOGO PROMISED TO INFORM ME OF OUTCOME.
MOREOVER, THERE IS A PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING OF HEADS OF
STATES OF AFRICAN COCOA PRODUCING NATIONS WHICH MIGHT GIVE
PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUSH FOR
REOPENING NEGOTIATIONS, BUT ANGOLAN SITUATION HAS CAUSED
POSTPONEMENT OF THIS MEETING AND NO DATE IS YET SET.

3. SAWADOGO REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT USG PROPOSALS WERE
INADEQUATELY STUDIED DURING THE OCTOBER NEGOTIATIONS, AND
WERE GIVEN ESPECIALLY SHORT SHRIFT BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY,
WHICH WAS REPRESENTED BY "BUREAUCRATS, NOT POLICY MAKERS",
AND HE AGREED THAT OUR AMENDMENTS COULD SERVE AS BASIS
FOR NEW NEGOTIATIONS. HE ASKED THAT USG TAKE ON THE BURDEN
OF CONVINCING CONSUMER NATIONS, ESPECIALLY EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY, THAT REOPENING THE NEGOTIATIONS IS NECESSARY.
HE ALSO SUGGESTED USG URGE MEXICO AND THE DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC FORMALLY TO ADVISE THE INTERNATIONAL COCOA COUNCIL
THAT THEY DO NOT RPT NOT INTEND TO JOIN NEW AGREEMENT. HE
DOES NOT THINK EQUAORIAL GUINEA IS ENTITLED TO A VOTE UNDER
PROPOSED AGREEMENT, BUT MEXICO, DR AND IC TOGETHER WOULD
ADD UP TO 20.6 PERCENT OF PRODUCER VOTE, ENOUGH TO KILL
AGREEMENT. FYI: SAWADOGO SAID THAT IT IS FEELING OF AFRICAN
NATIONS THAT MEXICO WILL NOT RPT NOT MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT
TO ICCO, NO MATTER WHAT SOLIS THINKS, BECAUSE PRESIDENT
ECHEVERRIA WANTS TO BE THE LEADER OF THE THIRD WORLD. END FYI.

4. SAWADOGO ASKED, SINCE PART OF OUR PROPOSAL IS EXTENSION
OF PREVIOUS AGREEMENT FOR ONE YEAR, IF UNITED STATES WOULD
JOIN OLD AGREEMENT. I REPLIED I THOUGHT THAT THIS WAS OUT OF
THE QUESTION AS CONGRESS DIDN'T LIKE OLD AGREEMENT EITHER,
BUT THAT WE COULD POSSIBLY FIND WAYS TO COOPERATE MORE CLOSELY
WITH THE MEMBERS OF PREVIOUS AGREEMENT FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD.
SAWADOGO UNDERSTOOD AND ASKED US TO CONSIDER SUCH WAYS.
I HOPE TO REPORT EARLY NEXT WEEK ON THE OUTCOME OF HIS TALKS
WITH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

5. CONCLUSION: SAWADOGO STILL FAVORS RENEGOTIATION IN
ICCO FORUM, NOT UNCTAD SINCE HE CONSIDERS LATTER TOO
SLOW-MOVING. HE ALSO WOUNDERED WHETHER NORTH-SOUTH TALKS
COULD BE USED TO PUSH FOR RE-OPENING. HE AGREES WITH ALL OUR
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POINTS EXCEPT ON PRICE RANGE. HE NEEDS ASSURANCES, HOWEVER,
THAT USG WILL ALSO JOIN IN EFFORTS TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS. SMITH

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